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REPORT

TOPIC Third Gdr Mech Army Area

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED

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1. On 6 July 1954, a unit with 8 x 76-mm AA guns, 14 trucks and 21 boxcarloads of personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets was detrained at the Dessau freight station and subsequently went to Kochstedt.

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2. At 1230 on 9 July, T-34/85 tanks were seen at the Forst Zinna railroad station.

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3. Between 23 June and 11 July, motor vehicles

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were seen in the Werder-Markendorf area.

4. Between 23 June and 11 July, firing with artillery, AT guns and rocket launchers was held at the Forst Zinna training grounds from morning to night. Materiel observed included:

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26 June. At 1700 . 3 x 76-mm guns. 6 x 85-mm AT guns and 10 trucks in Jagen No 69.

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27 June. Fifteen 100-mm AT guns with YA-12 prime movers. 8 x 85-mm AT guns and about 30 trucks

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in Jagen No 69.

1 July. About 30 x 120-mm and 160-mm mortars which were firing and about 50 trucks

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in the training area.

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3 July. At 1830, 20 x 85-mm, 122-mm and 75-mm guns and about 20 trucks, in Jagen No 68.

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4 July. At 1100, gun emplacements were being leveled. Between noon and 1900, 24 x 120-mm and 160-mm mortars, 2 x 57-mm AT guns, 8 x 122-mm field howitzers. 4 x 76-mm guns. 8 x 85-mm AT guns, rocket launchers and about 25 trucks

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were loaded at the Forst Zinna railroad station.

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9 July. At 1600, 9 guns and 12 trucks [redacted]  
[redacted] in Jagen Nos 54 and 69.<sup>4</sup>

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Between 1900 and 2030 on 5 July, 4 x 37-mm AA guns fired at sleeve targets towed by two single-engine aircraft at an altitude of 800 to 1,000 meters.<sup>4</sup>

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5. [redacted] motor vehicles were seen at the parking lot of Camp Forst Zinna (3207) between 23 June and 11 July [redacted]

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6. Between 23 June and 11 July, the Norddeutsche Maschinenfabrik [redacted] in Lackenwalde was occupied as previously by 400 to 500 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. An unusually high number of officers were seen in the installation and about 150 soldiers were repeatedly seen drilling. [redacted]

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7. About 500 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and signal insignia were seen in both Stalags I and II [redacted]. On 3 and 4 July, a radio station with circular antenna 1 meter in diameter was erected in the southeast section of Stalag I. On 6 July, 6 M-13 rocket launchers were cleaned in Stalag I. At 1630 on 9 July, 8 rocket launchers and 4 trucks [redacted] went toward the Forst Zinna training area. About 100 soldiers were repeatedly seen drilling and cleaning motor vehicles in Stalag II. On 6 July, 3 overhauled repair shop trucks went from Stalag II to Stalag I. Motor vehicles seen near Stalags I and II [redacted]

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1. [redacted] Comment. The information confirms the return from Wustrow of elements of the 62d AAA Div. [redacted]

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2. [redacted] Comment. The 6th Gds Tank Div is confirmed in the Werder-Markendorf training area until 11 July [redacted]

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3. [redacted] Comment. The information confirms that elements of the 2d Light Arty Brig and the 12th Gds Tank Div conducted firing practices at Jueterbog. [redacted]

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4. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] elements of the 14th Gds Mech Div or the 199th Light Arty Brig were observed.

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5. Comment. [redacted] the Hq  
Third Gds Mech Army was still stationed at Camp Forst Zinna prior  
to 11 July. 25X1
6. Comment. A training unit of the Third Gds Mech Army is stationed  
in the Norddeutsche Maschinenfabrik. 25X1
7. Comment. The 91st Gds RL Regt of the Third Gds Mech Army is  
confirmed in Stalags I and II until 11 July. The installations also  
quarter a signal repair shop of the GSFG [redacted] 25X1

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